

Mayor's Monthly Message: January 2021

We are continuing to build, develop, and grow smartly in all areas of Florence. Two Florence subdivisions that were shelved during the Great Recession have moved a step closer to construction. This month, the Florence Town Council approved an amended final plat for Sunrise Estates II in downtown Florence and the final plat for Mesquite Trails Parcel 6 on Felix Road across from Crestfield Manor. The project is located at the southeast corner of West Butte Avenue and South Centennial Park Avenue. Sunrise Estates I and II were first platted in 2005. Sunrise Estates I was built and occupied years ago. Texas-based LGI Homes has bought the 89 finished lots in SE II with the intent of building 86 new homes, reserving the unused lots for storm water retention and open space, Florence Planning Manager Larry Harmer told the council. LGI will be testing, and if necessary, upgrading infrastructure that may have degraded over the years.

Mesquite Trails Parcel 6 is at the southeast corner of North Felix Road and the future extension of Heritage Road. It consists of 107 residential lots on 23.76 acres. The Mesquite Trails planned unit development was originally approved by Pinal County in 2004 and was later annexed and adopted by the Town Council in 2005. Parcel 6 is located east of the previously recorded Plats 1-5, all on the north side of New Magma Wash. Parcel 6 includes an average lot size of 6,438 square feet and 2.7 acres of open space. The total number of lots approved for the Mesquite Trails PUD is 2,178. Existing Arizona Public Service Co. power lines on the west side of Felix Road will power the subdivision, and a city of Mesa gas line along Felix Road will provide natural gas. There are also existing CenturyLink facilities along Felix Road, according to a town staff report. The developer, Silver Fern Companies LLC, has not announced a builder. The project's northeastern Parcel 7 is in the tentative alignment for the future north-south freeway corridor. Although New Magma Wash crosses the northern portion of Mesquite Trails, the site is not within the 100-year flood plain. A master drainage report has been submitted to the town for review.

As a community, we are growing and working hard at keeping Florence a great place to live, work, and play. I'm appreciative of the quality staff that helps us proceed with the direction communicated and documented in our many plans. It is a great feeling of pride to see these plans come to fruition. As always, there are great things happening in Florence, AZ. We have the best community and people! Stay safe and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Tara Walter
Mayor of Florence, AZ